

Apr. 25

Apr. 27

Apr. 27 223

# GARDNER'S NOTE CLEARS THINGS UP

## Explains to Board of Trade Free Boned and Skinned Fish Suggestion Did Not Come From Him But From the Newfoundland Premier.

Congressman Gardner, in a communication to the Master Mariners' Association and Board of Trade under date of April 21, explains and sets forth in detail the conference which he had recently with Sir Cecil Spring Rice, British ambassador at Washington and Col. Farquhar, the military secretary to the governor-general of Canada, and more particularly the matter of the free entry of skinned and boned fish, which the ambassador says was first suggested by Sir Edward Morris recently in a conference. Inasmuch as the matter of free entry of fish of this kind has always been an important consideration in the fishery negotiations with Newfoundland, the ambassador advises that it would be well to bear this in mind, the congressman writes:

Congressman Gardner's letter shows that no suggestion was made by him, but rather by the British officials as to the possibility of free skinned and boned fish or other considerations being necessary, if the concessions desired by the Americans are to be granted.

A copy of the letter to the local organizations follows:

Washington, D. C., Apr. 21, 1914.  
Gentlemen:—I beg to advise you that in compliance with a letter from the British ambassador, sent at the suggestion of the state department, I called at the British Embassy on Monday, March 13th, and had a conference with Sir Cecil Spring Rice and Col. Farquhar, the military secretary of the governor general of Canada.

I invited attention to the fact that in response to a request of mine, the state department last June had taken up the question of license for American auxiliary power vessels. I suggested the desirability of an early reply.

I then stated that so far as the other requests recently made by the fishery interests of Gloucester are con-

cerned, I felt some delicacy in expressing any opinion. I pointed out that these requests had been made directly to the state department by the Gloucester Board of Trade and Master Mariners' Association. I stated, however, that I would explain to your organization and to the Master Mariners' Association the situation as it was presented to me by the British ambassador and by Col. Farquhar.

Col. Farquhar said that the Canadian Parliament expected to conclude its labors by the middle of May and gave it his personal opinion, although he could not speak with authority, that it would be exceedingly difficult to take up any new matter at the present session.

The ambassador stated that Sir Edward Morris, Premier of Newfoundland, has recently taken up with him the question of securing free entry into the United States markets of skinned and boned fish. He said that the free entry of fish of this kind had always hitherto been one of the principal objects of fishery negotiations on behalf of Newfoundland, and that it would be well to bear that fact in mind.

I declined to express any opinion as to whether the Gloucester fishery interests would be willing to agree to a treaty which would grant Newfoundland the privileges suggested by Sir Edward Morris in return for the privileges sought by the committee representing your two associations.

I told the ambassador that I did not know whether or not the Gloucester fishery interests, when they reopened the question of securing the privileges offered to American fishermen by the Hay-Bond Treaty, had taken into consideration the fact that they might be expected in return to consent to the concessions which that Treaty accorded to Newfoundland.

Very respectfully,

A. P. Gardner.

To the Gloucester Board of Trade, Gloucester, Massachusetts.

### Pollock Seiners Getting Ready.

The pollock seiners are getting underway and steamers Bryda F., Independence, Bessie A. of this port and Advance, Joppite and Beatrice of Newburyport will be among the early ones to sail.

# GILL NETTERS TOOK CHANCES

## Some of the Little Fellows Went Out and Lifted Yesterday.

Two off shores have made port during the storm, sch. Margaret bringing a small fare of halibut and sch Hattie L. Trask, the latter from a Georges handling trip with 38,000 pounds salt cod and 1400 pounds fresh halibut.

The storm had no terrors for some of the gill netters yesterday, which landed 16,000 pounds. Although it was the larger boats that generally hauled, the Water Witch, one of the smaller ones, also ventured on and pulled her gear, arriving back at 1 o'clock in the afternoon. Saturday afternoon, the boats brought in 50,000 pounds. The Bethulia had a nice trip, taking about 9000 pounds, mostly pollock.

### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Margaret, Grand Banks, 4000 lbs. fresh halibut, 3000 lbs. flitched halibut, 2000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Hattie L. Trask, Georges handling, 38,000 lbs. salt cod, 1400 lbs. fresh halibut.

Str. Water Witch, gill netting, 2800 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Orion, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Gertrude T., gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Robert and Edwin, gill netting, 1350 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Quoddy, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Little Fannie, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Mary E. Sennett, shore.

Sch. Genesta, shore.

### Saturday's Gill Netting Fares.

Str. Ibsen, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Alice, gill netting, 1520 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Quoddy, gill netting, 3500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Bryda F., gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Rough Rider, gill netting, 2400 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Hugo, gill netting, 400 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Enterprise, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Bethulia, gill netting, 9000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Venture, gill netting, 800 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Orion, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Evelyn H., gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Julia May, gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Mary L., gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Gertrude T., gill netting, 3500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Quartette, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Randolph, gill netting, 400 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Medomak, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Dolphin, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Water Witch, gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Lorena, gill netting, 600 lbs. fresh fish.

### Vessels Sailed.

No sailings today.

### TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

#### Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5 per cwt.; medium, \$4; snappers, \$3.

Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$5; medium, \$4.50.

Georges halibut, codfish, large, \$5.50; mediums, \$4.50.

Cusk, large, \$2.50; mediums, \$2; snappers, \$1.50.

Haddock, \$2.00.

Hake, \$2.00.

Pollock, \$1.75.

#### Fresh Fish.

Splitting prices:

Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.

Cod, large, \$2.25; medium, \$1.85; snappers, 75c.

All codfish, not gilled, 10c per 100 pounds less than the above.

Hake, \$1.10.

Cusk, large, \$1.75; medium, \$1.25; snappers, 50c.

Pollock, 90c.

Fresh halibut, 11 1-4c per lb. for white, and 9 1-4c for gray.

### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Ingomar, and Thomas S. Gordon, arrived at Shelburne Friday last and cleared for fishing.

Schs. Mary F. Curtis, Stilletto and Smuggler arrived at Canso Friday last and cleared.

Schs. Oriole and Gladys and Nellie arrived at Liverpool Friday last and cleared.

The Strait of Canso is full of ice.

### On the Railways.

Sch. Manomet is on Burnham Brothers' ways.

# NO BAIT YET AT MAGDALENS

Queensport, April 24.—Better sign, herring today; high as six hundred to a boat.

Amherst Harbor, April 24.—Ice running further. Amherst Island, Pleasant Bay. Stationary up to Grindstone, Grand Entry Harbor. Clear ice out of sight, no bait report in anywhere.

The strait of Canso is reported full of ice.

# PLENTY BAIT AT NORTH TRURO

A dispatch from Fred C. Rich to the Times this morning from North-Truro states that plenty of good herring bait is being taken there today.



224 *Apr 27**Apr. 27**Apr. 27*

# BIG FLEET AT NEW FISH PIER

## A Strange Beam Trawler Shows Up With 145,000 Cod and Haddock.

A big fleet of arrivals made the new fish pier over Sunday, just an even two dozen fares being at the dock this morning when business opened for the week.

The biggest trip in was the beam trawler Long Island, her haul being for 145,000 pounds, of which 25,000 pounds was scrod. Other fares were steamer Billow, 50,000 pounds; schs. Russell, 35,000 pounds; Josephine DeCosta, 45,000 pounds; Pontiac, 61,000 pounds; Rebecca, 37,000 pounds; Valerie, 38,000 pounds; Mary C. Santos, 45,000 pounds; Progress, 40,000 pounds.

Prices were moderate, wholesalers offering \$2 to \$3.25 a hundred pounds for haddock, \$3 for large and \$1.75 to \$2 for market cod, \$1.50 to \$2.50 for hake, \$3 for pollock and \$1.50 for cusk.

### Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Stranger, 1600 cod, 9000 hake, 2000 cusk.

Sch. Long Island, 115,000 haddock, 25,000 cod, 5000 pollock, 1100 halibut.

Sch. Billow, 36,000 haddock, 14,000 cod.

Sch. Russell, 20,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 5000 hake, 3000 cusk.

Sch. Josephine DeCosta, 15,000 haddock, 18,000 cod, 10,000 hake.

Sch. Pontiac, 45,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 3000 hake, 5000 cusk.

Sch. Rebecca, 12,000 haddock, 20,000 cod, 5000 hake.

Sch. Eleanora DeCosta, 16,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 4000 pollock.

Sch. Louisa R. Sylvia, 21,000 haddock, 18,000 cod.

Sch. Valerie, 32,000 haddock, 6000 cod.

Sch. Mary C. Santos, 29,000 haddock, 18,000 cod.

Sch. Progress, 10,000 haddock, 27,000 cod, 3000 pollock.

Sch. Lucania, 16,000 haddock, 11,000 cod.

Sch. Flavilla, 12,000 haddock, 1500 cod.

Sch. Gertrude DeCosta, 10,000 haddock, 9000 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Buema, 500 haddock, 4500 cod, 25,000 hake, 15,000 cusk.

Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 7500 cod, 13,000 hake, 12,000 cusk.

Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 4000 cod, 3500 hake, 4000 cusk.

Sch. Eva and Mildred, 4000 cod, 7000 hake, 8000 cusk.

Sch. James and Esther, 1000 cod, 11,000 hake, 5000 cusk.

Sch. Evelyn M. Thompson, 4000 cod, 16,000 hake, 6000 cusk.

Sch. Virginia, 31,000 cod, 800 pollock.

Sch. W. H. Moody, 1000 haddock, 21,000 cod.

Sch. Lucinda I. Lowell, 1000 haddock, 16,000 cod.

Haddock, \$2 to \$3.25 per cwt.; large cod, \$3; market cod, \$1.75 to \$2; hake, \$1.50 to \$2.50; pollock, \$3; cusk, \$1.50.

## Booth Company to Locate at Gloucester.

The Booth Fisheries Company, the largest capitalized fisheries concern in the world, with headquarters in Chicago, and with branch plants all over the country, is to locate a large branch of its business in this city, the deal having been closed Saturday afternoon, whereby the firm has taken a two year's lease of the Leighton wharf property on Wharf street, with an option of extension to five years. The concern will engage in the buying, shipping and curing of fish in all branches and will commence operations right away, it is understood.

The decision of the company to locate at this port is a result of the action of the port directors of Boston in taking the flats and uplands at East Boston, which included the wharf where the concern has done its curing, and splitting. In looking over the field here, the Leighton wharf property seemed admirably adapted for the purposes of the big concern and Saturday, John Kincade of Boston, formerly of this city, buyer for the Booth Company in Boston, completed the necessary arrangements for lease of the property.

Howard F. Lufkin, who occupies one of the buildings as a sailloft, will move immediately to the loft on Davis Brothers' wharf, Rogers street, formerly occupied by the late Isaac A. S. Steele and William Steele, sailmakers. Several of the gill netters also who reel their nets and make a berth at the wharf, must also find other quarters.

The Leighton property which is one of the largest and best equipped wharf properties in the city, is admirably adapted for the purposes for which the concern have secured it. Preparations for moving and commencing operations at the new plant will commence right away, it is understood.

The Booth Fisheries Company, which is capitalized for \$7,000,000, are producers and distributors of ocean, lake and river fish. Headquarters are located at Chicago with over 40 branch houses in the United States.

John Kincade, who has charge of the splitting and curing branch of the company's business in Boston, is a Gloucester boy, and for a number of years has been located with the concern in Boston, previous to which he was employed with the old John Pew firm in this city.

### Halibut Sale.

The halibut fare of sch. Margaret sold to the New England Company for 11-14 cents for white and 9-14 cents for gray.

### As the Fishing Gazette Sees It.

Says the Fishing Gazette editorially: The organizing of Gloucester, Mass., fishermen into a union was taken up in that city during the week. Fifty men signed a charter for a union to be affiliated with the American Federation of Labor. The fishing industry has its troubles, but this only adds to them.

# LARGE MACKEREL AT FULTON DOCK

## Three Fares There This Morning, So Rob Roy With Her Second Trip— Some Mediums in the Catches —Big Ones 40 Cents.

Three more fresh mackerel fares are at New York this morning with a total of 23,000 larger and medium fish, making six trips taken to date, five of which have been landed at Fulton Market. Among the arrivals is sch. Rob Roy, Capt. Lemuel Firth with his second fare of the season, his haul being for 5000 fish.

The arrivals and fares in detail are: Sch. Arthur James, Capt. Archie Devine, 12,000 large and medium fresh mackerel.

Sch. Marguerite Haskins, Capt. Reuben Cameron, 6000 large and medium fresh mackerel.

Sch. Rob Roy, Capt. Lemuel Firth, 5000 large and medium fresh mackerel.

Sch. Arthur James secured her trip in latitude 38 in 37 fathoms of water, and sch. Marguerite Haskins in latitude 38.46 in 28 fathoms of water, while that of sch. Rob Roy was taken in latitude 38.20, in 30 fathoms of water.

The dispatch to the Times containing the news states the medium fish weigh about a pound and a half each.

Advices from Boston this morning says that large fresh mackerel brought

40 cents each, medium 20 cents, tinkers, six cents each.

*Contd from below*

was able by means of these to rise sink through the water. Towards the end of larval life it sank to the bottom and became fixed by means of sucker. As the starfish developed began to strain at the stack of sucker exploring the district near which was anchored; the stalk became long and thinner and was eventually ruptured, the starfish becoming free-living. As regards methods of feeding, was interesting to know that even certain grown-up starfish a considerable part of the food was got by means ciliary action.

Apart from the elaborate description that Dr. Gemmill has been able to give of the complete life-history of the starfish, his paper is of considerable interest as giving additional support to the recapitulation view of evolution with which the name of Professor Haeckel has been particularly associated. The study of comparative anatomy and of embryology has led biologists to the conclusion that each individual summarises in its own development the various stages through which the race has been evolved, the gill clefts that are seen at a certain stage in the developing embryos of living vertebrates being regarded as evidence that their progenitors were water animals, and being one of the most generally known instances of a large group of allied phenomena.

It has long been supposed that the starfish was derived from the stalk "lily-stars" that are common in Devonshire's limestone. These clear were fixed, and Dr. Gemmill's paper not only supplies the evidence necessary to connect the starfish with "lily-star", but provides additional support for the generally accepted recapitulation theory. It will be remembered that Professor Macbride some years ago found that an abnormal type of starfish passed through this fixed stage, but the stage has now been proved to be normal to starfish.—"Fishing News."

### Origin of Starfish.

At the meeting of the Royal Society in London, Dr. J. F. Gemmill read a paper on "The Development of the Starfish." Dr. Gemmill has succeeded in keeping starfish collected from the Milford Station at Cumbrae in his laboratory at Glasgow, in maintaining the egg alive all the time necessary for the larvae to hatch out, and in rearing the larvae right up to and including the stage of their becoming mature starfish.

The paper was illustrated, and contained an elaborate account of the details of the development of the larvae and the starfish. The larvae was furnished on its processes with the rapidly lashing threads of protoplasm, or cilia, that are commonly developed as organs of movement and for various other purposes, especially in water animals and primitive types, and it

*Apr. 27*

*Contd above*